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 Washington Beef

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Mr. Brian Nickel and Ms. Susan Poulsom,

I am writing to you regarding the newly created EPA's proposed permit changes in water quality standard for the Washington Beef operations. Washington Beef is located on the Yakima Indian Reservation and employs many tribe members. Like Pacific Seafood, Washington Beef is a family-owned company. My understanding is this permit was not through the regular process and needs to be reviewed, as the result could impact many of the local workforce employed at that plant, the region's family rancher suppliers, and our customers.

Washington beef has long been a long-time partner and is well known for producing the highest-quality beef. We purchase multiple brands including Snake River Farms American Wagyu Beef and Double R Ranch and sell these premium quality products to hundreds of high-end customers throughout the west coast, including many cruise lines and retailers located here in Washington.

I have personally toured Washington Beef many times with customers, as they set the standard in dedication to premium quality, cleanliness, teamwork, and commitment to the environment. This will not only affect our customers here, but I am sure the local economy of Toppenish/Yakima. Please consider the years of positive contributions Washington Beef has made in Washington and around the country. They are a key part of the food production here in the Northwest, that we supply our customers.

From my understanding, the EPA's proposed changes in water quality standards look to be unattainable. These newly created standards could negatively impact our customers and the quality of beef we provide to our restaurants and supermarkets. I ask that you go through the process of working with Washington Beef to create standards that are attainable, so the company can remain viable and sustainable.

Thank you for your time.

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